

## **2.0 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS**

### **2.1 NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND DRAFT EIR DISTRIBUTION**

The EIR process for the PG&E Line 108 Natural Gas Pipeline Project began with publication of a Notice of Preparation by the CSLC, mailed on October 10, 2006. The Draft EIR was released for public review on November 30, 2007, and consisted of approximately 600 pages with appendices, including a detailed analysis of impacts in 14 environmental disciplines. A summary of public involvement opportunities during the CEQA process is presented below. A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR, the comments received on the Draft EIR, and responses to the comments are provided in Section 3 of this Final EIR.

### **2.2 PUBLIC HEARING**

On November 30, 2007, a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIR was sent to state and local agencies, interested parties, and property owners and occupants located within 300 feet of the proposed Project. The Notice included information on how to access the Draft EIR. It also presented the date, time, and location of the Public Hearing on the Draft EIR.

#### **Public Hearing**

Following the release of the Draft EIR, there was a 45-day public review period that extended until January 14, 2008. Two Public Hearings were held on January 9, 2008, at 4:00 pm and at 6:00 pm, at the Franklin Community Library in Elk Grove, California. At these hearings, the public was given the opportunity to ask questions about the Draft EIR and its contents and present oral and/or written testimony on the Draft EIR and its contents. No members of the public attended either of the two Public Hearings.

#### **EIR Information and Repository Sites**

Placing the CEQA documents in “repository” sites can be an effective way of providing ongoing information about the project to a large number of people. Therefore, two repository sites in the proposed Project area were established, and documents were also available at the CSLC in Sacramento. EIR-related documents including the Draft EIR and Final EIR have been made available upon their release to the public at the locations listed below.

CSLC, Attn: Crystal Spurr 100 Howe Avenue Suite 100-South Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 574-0748 <a href="mailto:spurrc@slc.ca.gov">spurrc@slc.ca.gov</a>	Elk Grove Public Library 8962 Elk Grove Boulevard Elk Grove, CA 95624 (916) 264-2700	Sacramento Branch Library 10055 Franklin High Road Elk Grove, CA 95757 (916) 264-2700
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**Public Review Period**

In compliance with the CEQA Guidelines, the CSLC provided a public review period of 45 days for the Draft EIR. The CSLC allowed written comments on the Draft EIR to be submitted by mail, by email, at the Public Hearing, via facsimile transmission, and in person to the CSLC Central Files office in Sacramento.

The comments received by the CSLC during the public review period and at the Public Hearing are reproduced in Section 3 of the Final EIR along with responses to the comments.